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DFAS Tests New E-LES

A new paperless initiative is now in the testing phase with an interesting twist--DFAS employees will conduct the pilot phase prior to full implementation.

Once fully implemented in September 2000, E-LES, or Electronic Leave and Earnings Statements, will Allow DoD civilian employees and Marine Corps active and reserve members to view and print their LES through E/MSS, or Employee/Member Self Service.

Additionally, E-LES will be made available to Army, Navy and Air Force members later this year.

E-LES mirrors the existing hardcopy LES and is protected by a secure protocol that protects data between the user's PC and the E/MSS server. E-LES transmissions use a 128-bit encryption and Secure Socket Layer technology which means information is highly secure, and only the user can view and print personal statements. Systems requirements for using E/MSS and E-LES are the industry-standard browsers Netscape Navigator version 3.0, 4.01 or higher; Microsoft Internet Explorer version 4.0 or higher or Netscape Communicator.

E-LES benefits are four-fold. Customers can access E-LES while still receiving his or her hardcopy LES in the mail. Customers can view statements several days earlier than existing hardcopy LESs that come in the U.S. Mail. Once customers access E-LES, they can stop hardcopy delivery, helping DoD save money used for printing and postage. Finally, E/MSS will display the last three pay period LESs for viewing or printing.

E-LES will only succeed if DoD employees customize their E/MSS temporary PINs. Temporary PINs are only good for 120 days after issuance and all customers are required to customize PINs when using

E/MSS for the first time. User-friendly menus will guide users through the system and online assistance is available throughout the entire process. Once a new PIN is chosen, users should remember it. Anyone who has lost their temporary PIN or who has not received a temporary PIN should call the E/MSS Customer Support Unit (CSU) at 1-800-390-2348, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday. Initially temporary PINs were scheduled to expire in early July; however, since there are still a large number of employees that have not customized their PIN, the period has been extended through mid-August.

Customer service is available by calling the E/MSS Customer Support Unit at 1-800-390-2348, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

Accessing and updating pay information and viewing and printing leave and earnings statements electronically not only saves time and money, but it also allows more individual control over pay account activity.

E-LES, when implemented, will be accessible through the Internet at <https://emss.dfas.mil> or <http://www.dfas.mil/emss>.

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